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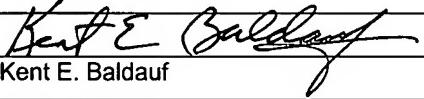
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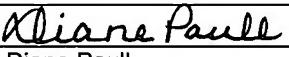
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This application is the United States national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/JP2005/000791. The International Search Report dated 26 April, 2005, for the underlying PCT application identified nine references, five of which are also cited in the instant application. Copies of all cited references are submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement. The degree of relevance for the non-English language references listed on Form PTO/SB/08 is indicated in the International Search Report or in the instant application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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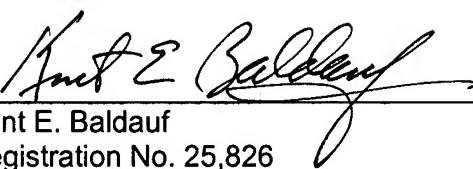
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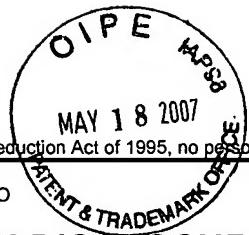
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